

Application for Death Benefits Federal Employees Retirement System

This application is for use by persons applying for survivor benefits which may be payable under the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) because of the death of an employee, former employee or retiree who was covered by FERS at the time of his/her death or separation from Federal service. You should have received an informational pamphlet entitled, "Applying for Death Benefits Under the Federal Employees Retirement System," SF3114 with this application. If you did not receive the pamphlet and the deceased was retired or a former employee not yet receiving a retirement benefit, you should get a copy from the Office of Personnel Management [OPM]. You can either write to the Office of Personnel Management of OPM, FERS, P.O. Box 200, Boyers, PA 16017-0200 or call OPM at (202) 606-0500.

If the deceased was an employee at the time of death, send your completed application, with any requested attachments, to the personnel office in the agency where the deceased was last employed. If the deceased was a former employee or annuitant at the time of death, send it to the Office of Personnel Management, Federal Employees Retirement System, P.O. Box 200, Boyers, PA 16017-0200.

If your address changes before you receive your claim number, write to OPM, giving your name, date of birth, your Social Security number, and the deceased person's name, date of birth and Social Security number. If you have received your claim number, please refer to it.

Instructions For Completing Application

Type or print clearly in ink. If you need more space in any section, use a plain piece of paper with your name, date of birth, and Social Security number, and the deceased person's name, date of birth and Social Security number, written at the top. If you do not know an answer write "unknown." If you are unsure of information (for example, if you do not know exact date), answer to the best of your ability, followed by a question mark (?).

The following additional information should help you to answer those questions on the application which are not entirely self-explanatory.

Section A - Information About the Deceased

- 6. If deceased had ever applied for or received retirement benefits, show the retirement claim number.
- 7. Recurring payments from the Office of Workers'
 Compensation Programs, U.S. Department of Labor
 (OWCP) and FERS survivor annuity benefits and/or
 the FERS Basic Employee Death Benefit usually are
 not payable for the same period of time. If the
 deceased had applied for or received benefits from the
 OWCP based on an illness or injury received resulting
 from a condition of employment within the last two
 years, indicate here. The OWCP claim number
 appears on the U.S. Treasury checks and
 correspondence from OWCP.
- 8. See the pamphlet entitled "Applying for Death Benefits Under the Federal Employees Retirement System" to help you determine which block to check.
- 9. If the deceased had no former marriage, write "none."
 Attach copies of death certificates, divorce decrees
 from former marriages or annulments. If you are the
 spouse of the deceased and were married to the

deceased before, be sure to show the date your prior marriage(s) ended.

Section B - Information About the Applicant

5. If you checked "designated beneficiary" and have a copy of the form designating you as beneficiary, attach it to the application. If you checked "parent," both parents must submit completed applications. If one is deceased, attach a copy of the death certificate. Otherwise, provide name and address of other parent in Section F, if known. If you checked "executor or administrator of estate," attach a copy of the court order appointing you executor or administrator. (Note that a court must have appointed you; we will not pay you based on a will or other document prepared by the deceased.)

Section C - Information About the Deceased Person's Spouse

1. Attach a copy of your marriage certificate.

If you were married by a priest, rabbi, pastor, Justice of the Peace or other person empowered by the State to perform marriages, check "Clergy/Justice of the Peace". If you were **not** married by someone empowered by the State to perform marriages, check "Other" and explain (for example, "common law" or "tribal marriage"). If marriage is common law and a State court has determined that you were married, send a copy of the court order or judgement. If you do not have a court order or judgement, attach two notarized affidavits from persons who are in a position to know the facts which clearly show: (1) the relationship between you, your spouse, and the

person swearing to the affidavit; (2) the length of time you and the deceased lived together; (3) the address or addresses at which you resided while you lived together; (4) whether there was any public announcement in connection with your common law marriage; (5) whether you and the deceased were regarded among your neighbors, friends, and relatives as being husband and wife during the time you lived together; and (6) how the person swearing to the affidavit is in a position to know the facts being presented in the affidavit.

In addition, your own affidavit is required, It should show: (1) the date on which, and the State in which, you and your spouse mutually agreed to become husband and wife; (2) whether you or your spouse were ever married, ceremonially or under common law, to anyone else before entering into the common law relationship (if so, state in your affidavit all the facts of each previous marriage, including the date it took place and the date of the death or divorce which ended it); and (3) any other facts which you believe will help prove you were husband and wife. You may also submit other documents which show a husband and wife relationship such as a naturalization certificate, deeds, immigration records, insurance policies, passports, child's birth certificate, etc.

2. If you married the deceased more than once, give dates that each marriage began and ended.

Section E - Information About the Deceased Person's Dependent Children

- a. List, in order of birth date, all the surviving, unmarried, dependent children of the deceased, List all such children you know of, no matter where they live. A dependent child is a son or daughter who is unmarried and:
 - was under age 18 at the time of the deceased person's death, including any:
 - 1. adopted child, and/or
 - 2. stepchild, and/or
 - 3. recognized child born out of wedlock who lived with the deceased in a regular parent child relationship, and/or
 - 4. recognized child born out of wedlock if there was a judicial determination of support or if the deceased made regular and substantial contributions for the support of the child.
 - is age 18 or older, but who became mentally and/or physically disabled before age 18 and who, because of the disability, is incapable of self-support. Attach a copy of the Social Security Administration's determination of disability (prior to age 18) for disabled child(ren) over age 18.
 - is between ages 18 and 22 and who is unmarried and a full-time student in school.

- b. Attach a copy of the birth certificate for each child for whom you are applying.
- c. Show how each child is related to the deceased. For example, write "Child of marriage at death" for a child of the deceased person's marriage in force at the time of death.
- d. If the unmarried dependent son or daughter is 18 or over, state whether he or she is a full-time student and/or disabled.
- 2. The mother of the unborn child, the legal guardian or the person responsible for the child should send us the birth certificate, when available.
- 3. d. If the person(s) in 3b. is(are) court appointed, indicate by checking the "Legal Guardian" box. If you are the person who is court appointed, attach a copy of the court appointment to this application. If there is no court appointment, check "Other" and write in the relationship to the child, for example, mother, father, sister, etc.
- 4. You must apply for benefits from the Social Security Administration (SSA) for minor or disabled children of the deceased. FERS benefits to children will not be paid until we have received verification of their entitlement to (and amount of) or lack of entitlement to SSA benefits. You should submit a copy of SSA's notice of award or denial with this application, if available, If it is not submitted, we will obtain the information from SSA, however, this may delay the processing of your claim.

Section F - Information About Other Heirs

Please give us information about other relatives who may be able to inherit from the deceased. If you can't give complete information, do the best you can. List only people who were living when the deceased died and who have the following relationships to the deceased:

- Widow(er) (unless named in Section C);
- Children of the deceased not included in Section
 E and the children of any deceased children (on
 a separate sheet of paper, show the relationships
 of descendants of deceased children to the
 deceased, for example, John and Mary, children
 of deceased son John, and Sue, child of deceased
 daughter Ann);
- If there is no living widow(er) or child, list the deceased's person's parents (if only one parent survives, a copy of the deceased parent's death certificate should be attached, if available);
- If there are no living relatives of the deceased as described above and no court-appointed executor or administrator as described in Section G, list other relatives who can inherit from the deceased.

Section G - Information About the Deceased Person's Estate

1. If someone was named as executor or administrator in the deceased person's will, but hasn't been appointed by the court, check "no." If you have been appointed by a court, attach a copy of the court appointment.

Section H - Active Military Service

You do not need to complete parts 1 and 2 of this section if the deceased was retired at the time of death, since OPM already has this information.

- Indicate whether the deceased performed active duty that terminated under honorable conditions in the Armed Forces or other uniformed services of the United States. Inactive service in reserve components of the uniformed service is not creditable for retirement purposes. Service in the National Guard is not usually considered active Federal military service except when ordered to active duty in the service of the United States and during an initial (3 months or longer) training period. However, full-time National Guard duty is creditable, if the service interrupts creditable civilian service and is followed by reemployment (as explained in Chapter 43 of title 38) that occurs on or after August 1, 1990. If the deceased was a retiree, OPM already has information about his/her military service.
 - If you have a copy of the deceased person's DD 214's or other discharge certificate(s) showing the dates of active duty and the deceased was a former employee at the time of death, you should attach it (them) to your application.
- Persons who performed active military service after December 31, 1956, must pay or have paid a deposit to receive credit under FERS for the military service.
 If the deceased was an employee at the time of death, you may pay or complete the payment of the deposit

- by completing the election form contained in SF 3104B, which can be obtained from the agency where the deceased was last employed. The deceased's agency can provide you with more information regarding this deposit.
- 3. Indicate whether the deceased ever received or applied for military retired pay.

If you are receiving military survivor benefits, the deceased person's military service is used for survivor purposes, subject to a reduction equal to the amount of your military survivor benefits. However, if such retired pay was awarded on account of a service-connected disability incurred in enemy combat or caused by an instrumentality of war in line of duty during a war period, or was awarded under Chapter 67, title 10, (formerly title III) of Public Law 80-810 (reserve retired pay at age 60 based on 20 years of active and reserve service), no such reduction is required. You should attach a copy of your award of military survivor benefits verifying the award was based on one of the above reasons.

Section K - Applicant's Checklist

Use this section of the application to ensure that all required supporting documentation is attached.

SF3104A

If the deceased was a retiree at the time of death and you are the surviving spouse, you should complete Standard Form 3104A, which is attached to this application. Instructions for completing SF3104A are contained on the form itself.

SF3104B

If the deceased was an employee at the time of death and you are the surviving spouse or former spouse, you and the deceased person's agency should complete Standard Form 3104B, which can be obtained from the deceased person's former employing agency. Instructions for completing SF 3104B are contained on the form itself.

Privacy Act Statement

Solicitation of this information is authorized by the Federal Employees' Retirement law (Chapter 84, title 5, U.S. Code). The information you furnish will be used to identify records properly associated with your application for Federal benefits, to obtain additional information if necessary, to determine and allow present or future benefits, and to maintain a unique identifiable claim file. The information may be shared and is subject to verification, via paper, electronic media, or through the use of computer matching programs, with national, state, local or other charitable or Social Security administrative agencies in order to determine benefits under their programs, to obtain information necessary for determination or continuation of benefits under this program, or to report income for tax purposes. It may also be shared and verified, as noted above, with law enforcement agencies when they are investigating a violation or potential violation of the civil or criminal law. Executive Order 9397 (November 22, 1943) authorizes use of the Social Security Number. Furnishing the Social Security Number, as well as other data, is voluntary, but failure to do so may delay or prevent action on your application.

Public Burden Statement

We think this form takes an average of 60 minutes per response to complete, including the time for reviewing instructions, getting the needed data, and reviewing the completed form. Send comments regarding our estimate or any other aspect of this form, including suggestions for reducing completion time, to the United States Office of Personnel Management, Reports and Forms Officer, Paperwork Reduction Project (3206-0172), Washington, D.C. 20415-0001. Completed application forms should not be sent to this address. The OMB Number 3206-0172, is currently valid. OPM may not collect this information, and you are not required to respond, unless this number is displayed.



Application for Death Benefits

Federal Employees Retirement System

Form Approved OMB Number 3206-0172

Section A - Information About the Deceased						
1. Full name of deceased (Last. first. middle)	2. Date of bi	rth (mo.dv.vr)				
3. Date of death (mo. dv. vr) (Attach a certified copy of	4. Social Sec	curity Number				
5. List anv other names the deceased used (ex. maide	en name or his/her	middle name)	6. CSA num	ber (if retired)		
7a. Was the deceased applying for or receiving workers Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP), Depart	5 7b. OWCP C	laim Number				
What was deceased person's employment status a		No Yes e pamphlet entitle		Death Benefits		
Under the Federal Employees Retirement System Employee \$ Complete SF 3104B, which can be obtained.	otained from	Former Ref	tiree \$ If you are	the surviving spouse,		
the deceased person's former employ		employee L		SF 3104A (attached)		
9. Name of deceased person's spouse at time of death	n (if not married at t	time of death write	none")			
10a. Name of Deceased's Spouses from All Former Marriages				10c. Date Marriage Ended (mo, dy, yr)		
Hem / M Office Marriage			(1110)	971 717		
	Death Div	vorce /annulment				
	Death Div	vorce /annulment				
Section B - Info	ormation Abo	ut the Applica	ant			
1. Your full name (last. first. middle)	2. Date	e of birth (mo.dav.v	(r) 3. Social se	curitv number		
4a. Are you citizen of the United States of America? Yes No			-			
5. I am applying for benefits as (check all boxes that a	apply):		or administrator of	estate (attach		
Widow(er) \$ Complete Section C below	if available)		o <i>urt order)</i> oouse \$ Complet	e Section D below		
Designated beneficiary (attach copy of designation Parent of decedent (Each parent should complete	as descendant of d					
application. If one parent is deceased, attach a co	of minor or disable	d child)				
certificate.) Other (specify						
6. Did you cash any check(s) issued to the deceased or did you withdraw funds paid by direct deposit from the deceased's saving or checking account after the date of death?						
Section C - Information About the Deceased Person's Spouse (Complete if you are the widow(er).)						
1_Marriage performed by			of marriage (mo. d	 av. vr)		
Clergyman / Justice of the peace Other (Explain)						
3. Have you remarried after your spouse died? Yes No						
4a. Have you ever applied for a survivor annuity based on the Federal service of a deceased Complete items						
spouse other than the one named above in Section A.1? No \$Go to Section E Yes \$4b-4e below 4c. Date of birth (mo. dav. vr)						
4d. Name of retirement system (e.a. Civil Service. Foreign Service) 4e. Claim Number (assigned to you by retirement)				bv retirement		
system in item 4d.)						
5. If you will be receiving monthly payments, P.L. 104-134 requires that you be paid by direct deposit into a checking or savings account if possible. See Section I.						

Section D - Information About the Deceased Person's Former Spouse (Complete if you are the widow(er).)										
Date of marriage to the deceased (n)				Date of divo				mo. dav.	vr)	
Is there a court order awarding you deceased person's FERS retiremen				es, on rec	ord at OPN	л <u>Г</u>	Yes	attached		lo
Are you paying for Federal Employer coverage to a former employing office.	es Health Bene			lo \$ Go to		···		Go to i	1 1	
3b. Give name and address of agency		d health be			item 4a		103	D GO 10 1	tem 3b	
4a. Have you married again since your No \$ Go to item 5a Yes	marriage to the			Date of first ended <i>(mo,</i>		after m	narriage	to decea	sed	
5a. Have you ever applied for a survivo spouse other than the one name					ceased sp		or forme Ye		mplete -5e belo	
5b. Name of deceased former spouse	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	Ψ.				e of birth		
5d. Name of retirement system (e.a. C Service, etc.)	Civil Service. Fo	reian		Claim Numb in item 5d.)	er (assian	ed to	vou bv r	etiremen	t svsten	า
If you will be receiving monthly pay account if possible. See Section I.	ments, P.L. 104	4-134 requii	res that	you be paid	d by direct	depos	sit into a	checking	ı or savi	ings
7. If you checked "Employee" in Sect Federal service, and a court award the deceased person's former emp 3104B.	s you all or a po	ortion of the	Basic E	Employee D	eath Bene	efit or a	a survivo	or annuity	, contac	
Section E - Inform	nation Abou	ut the Do	ecease	d Persor	ı's Depe	ender	nt Chi	ldren		
1. Are there any unmarried depender	nt children as de	efined in the Yes \$ C	e instruc Complete	tions? items 1b-1	f below		□ No	\$ Go	to Sect	ion F
b. Name(s) of unmarried dependent children (list in order of birth)	c.Date of birth (mo, day, yr)						ge 18 over		ild's soc ity numl	
						Student	Disabled			
2. Is there a child of the deceased not yet born? Yes \$ When born, send birth certificate for child to OPM No										
3a. Do you (the applicant) have respon	nsibility for all th	<u>e</u> children i	n Sectio	•				\$ Go to	item 4a	
b. Name and address of person havir	ng responsibility			c. Name(s			d.	Cust Relations	odian's ship to c	hild
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4a. Has anyone applied for bene deceased?	efits from the	Social Security Adminis No \$ (Application red	stration (SSA) for mind quired for payment of	or or disabled benefits.)		⁄es
4b. Have you attached a copy of determinations for each child		Notice of Award of benef No \$Not yet received	its, and/or denial of be	enefits, and/or		⁄es
Section F - Information About Other Heirs						
List other relatives who can inhe	rit from the	deceased as explained in	n the instructions.			
1. Full name of relative	Э	2. Comple	ete address	3. Re	elationship to de	ceased
Sectio	n G - Inf	ormation About th	ne Deceased Pers	son's Estat	te	
Has an executor or administrate settle the estate of the decea	•	ppointed by the court to	2. Full name and add (Street, City, State, 2		utor or administr	ator
No \$ Go to item 3 below	☐ Ye	s ——				
3. If an executor or administrator	has not be	en court appointed, will o	ne be appointed?	Y	es	No
Section F - Active				viving spouse	or former spou	(se)
Complete if deceased was an retired at the time of death, si 1. If the deceased performed a instructions, complete items service (if available).	employee ince OPM a ctive, honora 1a-e below	or former employee a Ilready has this inform able service in the Armed and attach a copy of the	t time of death. Do ation. I Forces or other unifor discharge certificate	not complete ormed service or other certif	e if the deceas as described in ficate of active r	the nilitary
a. Branch of service			b	. Dates of act	ive duty	
a. Branch of Service			From (mo, day,	, yr)	To (mo, day	′, yr)
Complete if deceased was performed after 12/31/56, was Yes Don't know		to the Retirement Fund n If deceased was an er		death, complet	te and attach Sta	andard Form
3. All surviving spouses and	former spo	uses complete.		·		g agency.
Was the deceased receiving			atn?	Yes	No No	
3b. Did the deceased waive milit				Yes	No	
3c Are you eligible for military survivor benefits? (Attach verification of your eligibility/ineligibility for such benefits.)			Yes	No		
		Section I - Dire	ct Deposit			
Public Law 104-134 requires to direct deposit into a savings of address is outside the United savings or checking account it payment agent. Therefore, you please send my annuity payment.	r checking ac States in a c n any financi u must selec	ccount at a financial institu ountry not accessible via o al institution and do not es t one of the following:	tion. The only exception direct deposit by the U. stablish one or have on	ns are: (1) if th S. government e established f	neir permanent pa t, or; (2) if they do	ayment not have a
I hereby certify that I do not have a savings or checking account in any financial institution and that none has been established for me by an authorized payment agent. Please send me my payment(s) by check. (Go to Section J.)						
My permanent payment address is outside the United States in a country not accessible via direct deposit (Go to Section I)						

Section I - Direct Deposit (Continued)								
Do you want to have your survivor annuity payments made to the same checking or savings account to which OPM made payments by Direct Deposit to the deceased before his or her death (must be an active account and you must be a co-owner) Yes								
	3. Do you want your survivor annuity payments made to a checking or savings account to which we have not already been making payments by Direct Deposit? Yes No							
4. Financial institution routing number (You may obtain this number by calling your bank, credit union, or savings institution. This number is very important. We cannot pay be direct deposit without it. We suggest you call your financial institution to verify this number.								
5. Checking or savings a	hecking or savings account number 6. What kind of account is this? Checking Savings							
7. Name and address of your financial institiution								
8. Telephone number of	vour financial institution (includina area	code)						
filling in the requested fill contact your bank, credidirect deposit. (Some in	Special note: If you prefer, you may attach a cancelled personal check that shows the information requested above, instead of filling in the requested financial institution information. If you attach your personal check, it is especially important that you contact your bank, credit union, or savings institution to confirm that the information on the check is the correct information for direct deposit. (Some institutions, especially credit unions, use different routing numbers on checks.) OPM can use this information to start paying you by direct deposit							
	Section J -	Certification	on					
	I hereby certify that all statements made in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and that no evidence relating to the settlement of this claim is withheld. I have read and understand all of the information provided in the instructions to this application.							
					rele.# (area code) 4. Date			
Best time					e to call vou			
response you law punishab					ny intentional false or misleading statement or provide in this application is a violation of the le by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or of not more than 5 years or both. (18 USC			
Section J - Applicant's Checklist								
Attach copies of the following documents to expedite the processing of your application. Attached								
Document Title	Requireme	ent		Yes	No	N/A	Comments	
Death certificate	Certified copy required in all cases							
Marriage certificate	Required if you were spouse of deceased at tir than once, provide copies of all certificates)	me of death (if marri	ied more					
Child(ren)'s birth certificate(s) Recommended for all children for whom you are applying for benefits								
Needed for all minor children and spouse if spouse is under 60 and is currently eligible for mother, father or disability benefits from the Social Security Administration, based on deceased person's service. Also needed for all children who are unmarried and are age 18 or older, but who became mentally and/or physically disabled before age 18 and who, because of disability, are incapable of self-support. If not submitted, OPM will obtain the information from SSA: however, this may delay the processing of your claim.								
Court papers appointing executor/administrator estate. Required if you are applying as executor or administrator of deceased person's estate.								
Court papers appointing guardian for minor or disabled child(ren) Required if you are applying on behalf of minor or disabled children of deceased and guardian has been appointed by court								
DD 214's or other military discharge certificates Provide if you are applying as surviving spouse or former spouse, and the deceased was a former employee at time of death. Failure to attach the information may delay the processing of you claim.								

Survivor Supplement

Federal Employees Retirement System

Complete this form if deceased was retired at the time of death. Attach this form to the SF 3104 (Application for Death Benefits) before forwarding it to OPM

To be completed by surviving spouse if he/she is under age 60 **and** the deceased had at least 5 years of creditable civilian service.

Identifying Information							
Name of deceased retiree (last. first. middle initial)	Date of birth (mo.dv.vr)	Social security number	CSA claim number				
A survivor's supplement is an additional benefit to the b	asic survivor annuity deat	h benefit that is equal to t	he				
lesser of:	,	·					
 The amount by which the survivor annuity that would have been payable under Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) rules exceeds the basic annuity payable under Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) rules, or 							
The amount of a deemed widow/widower's Social S Federal Employees' Retirement System.	 The amount of a deemed widow/widower's Social Security benefit based on the deceased's service under the Federal Employees' Retirement System. 						
The deceased retiree must have performed 5 years of service that could be creditable under FERS or CSRS rules, including one full calender year of service creditable under FERS rules.							
You may be eligible for a survivor supplement if you are the surviving spouse of a retiree and you are:							
1. under age 60; and							
2. entitled to Social Security benefits at age 60; and							
3. not presently eligible for Social Security mother, father or disability benefits based on the deceased annuitant's account.							
To help us determine your eligibility for a survivor supplement, you should provide the following information:							
1. Name of surviving spouse (last. first. middle initial)	2. Spouse's date of bir	2. Spouse's date of birth (mo. dv. vr)					
3. Are you disabled? 3a. Are you eligible for Social Security disability benefits based on the							
No \$ Go to item 4 Yes \$ 3a and 3b	Go to items deceased retiree's service? No \$\ Go to item 4						
3b. Do you receive Social Security disability benefits based on your own service?							
Yes No Applied, but no response yet Have not applied							
4. Are you eligible for Social Security mother or father benefits based on the deceased retiree's service?							
Yes No, I have been denied these benefits (attach photocopy of denial letter). No, I know I do not qualify for these benefits as there are no surviving dependent children of the deceased under age 16 or disabled who are entitled to SSA child's insurance benefits. Applied, but no response yet there are no surviving dependent children of the deceased under age 16 or disabled who are entitled to SSA child's insurance benefits.							
5. If you are not currently receiving Social Security mot you are later awarded any of these benefits?	her, father or disability be Yes	nefits, do you agree to no No	tify us promptly if				
6. Signature	7. Date	8. Telephone number (inc	ludina area code)				